

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 5015–5023, and S. Res. 801–802. **Page S7502**

Measures Reported:

S. 2716, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 116–324)

Report to accompany S. 2765, to improve Federal fiscal controls and the congressional budget process. (S. Rept. No. 116–325)

S. 2757, to waive the imposition of a civil fine for certain first-time paperwork violations by small business concerns, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–326)

S. 1730, to direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to make grants to State and local governments and nongovernmental organizations for purposes of carrying out climate-resilient living shoreline projects that protect coastal communities by supporting ecosystem functions and habitats with the use of natural materials and systems, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–327)

S. 2979, to improve drug testing for transportation-related activities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–328)

S. 3303, to amend title 49, United States Code, to promote transportation career opportunities and improve diversity in the workforce, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–329)

S. 3734, to provide for a coordinated Federal research initiative to ensure continued United States leadership in engineering biology, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–330)

S. 3958, to amend title 49, United States Code, to permit the use of incentive payments to expedite certain federally financed airport development projects, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 116–331)

S. 4286, to authorize appropriations for offsetting the costs related to reductions in research produc-

tivity resulting from the coronavirus pandemic, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–332)

S. 1166, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to make grants for the establishment or expansion of internet exchange facilities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1341, to adopt a certain California flammability standard as a Federal flammability standard to protect against the risk of upholstered furniture flammability, with amendments.

S. 1858, to ensure the Chief Information Office of the Consumer Product Safety Commission has a significant role in decisions related to information technology, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2535, to require the Secretary of Commerce to conduct an assessment and analysis relating to the decline in the business formation rate in the United States, with an amendment.

S. 4159, to amend the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act to accommodate emerging technologies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4472, to amend the Secure and Trusted Communications Network Reimbursement Program to include eligible telecommunications carriers and providers of educational broadband service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4719, to provide, temporarily, authority for the Secretary of Commerce to waive cost sharing requirements for the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4884, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to study the effect of the COVID–19 pandemic on injuries and deaths associated with consumer products, with amendments. **Page S7501**

Measures Passed:

Patents for Humanity Program Improvement Act: Senate passed H.R. 7259, to allow acceleration certificates awarded under the Patents for Humanity Program to be transferable. **Page S7507**

Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative Act: Senate passed H.R. 8354, to establish the Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative within the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice.

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Senator Alexander Piano Performance: Senate agreed to S. Res. 801, authorizing the use of the atrium in the Philip A. Hart Senate Office Building for a piano performance by Senator Lamar Alexander.

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Data Mapping to Save Moms' Lives Act: Senate passed S. 3152, to require the Federal Communications Commission to incorporate data on maternal health outcomes into its broadband health maps, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Protecting Families of Fallen Servicemembers Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4356, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to allow certain individuals to terminate contracts for telephone, multichannel video programming, or internet access service, and the bill was then passed.

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Cannabidiol and Marihuana Research Expansion Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 2032, to expand research on the cannabidiol and marihuana, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Sasse (for Feinstein/Grassley) Amendment No. 2708, in the nature of a substitute.

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Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, J. Christopher Stevens, and Sean Smith Congressional Gold Medal: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 2054, to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, J. Christopher Stevens, and Sean Smith, in recognition of their contributions to the Nation, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Sasse (for Markey) Amendment No. 2692, in the nature of a substitute.

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STOP FGM Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6100, to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the criminalization of female genital mutilation, and the bill was then passed.

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Crytzer Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Katherine A. Crytzer, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 48 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 267), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, December 16, 2020; and that notwithstanding Rule XXII, all post-cloture time on the nomination expire at 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, December 16, 2020.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 266), Thomas L. Kirsch II, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

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Julie D. Fisher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Belarus.

Jonathan Pratt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—267)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:57 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7509.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DOD CYBER OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity received a closed briefing on Department of Defense cyber operations from Thomas C. Wingfield, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Cyber Policy, Office of the Under Secretary for Policy, Jeffrey R. Jones, Vice Director, Command, Control, Communications and Computers/Cyber, Joint Staff, J–6, Katherine E. Arrington, Chief Information Security Officer for the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, Office of the Under Secretary for Acquisition and Sustainment, and Rear Admiral Jeffrey Czerewko, USN, Deputy